

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re:     | Duke                         | Confirmation No.: | 8258                 |
| Appl. No.: | 10/576,744                   | Group Art Unit:   | 3643                 |
| Filed:     | 02/15/2008                   | Examiner:         | Danielle A. Clerkley |
| For:       | MILKING EQUIPMENT AND METHOD |                   |                      |

Mail Stop Amendment  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,  
AND AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2010, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 26-38, and Group II, namely Claims 39-63.

The Examiner has also required an election of species within Group II if that group is elected. Three species are identified: Species A (Claims 39-44), Species B (Claims 52-57), and Species C (Claims 58-63).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.